



Press Release

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Sheriff Daniel A. Dunlap

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On Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 2209 hrs (10:09 pm), the Lake County Sheriff's Office 9-11 received a call from a female who told the dispatcher that she had just been stabbed. She stated she had been stabbed multiple times and needed rescue.

Lake County Sheriff's deputies were immediately dispatched to the residence at 2925 River Rd. in Perry Township. When deputies arrived on scene, at approximately 2215 hrs (10:15 pm), they were confronted by a male with a gun outside of the residence. One of the deputies repeatedly ordered the man to drop the weapon which he failed to do. When the male raised a handgun toward the deputy, the deputy fired his weapon striking the male.

The female stabbing victim, Lorrie Osborne-Hirko (10-11-1960), was transported to Tri-Point hospital. She has since been transported via Life-Flight to Metro General Hospital in Cleveland due to stabbing wounds to her back and chest.

The male suspect, Thomas Hirko (11-13-1961), was transported to Madison ER where he was pronounced as deceased.

An investigation into this stabbing and fatal shooting is currently underway. It will be at least 72 hours until the preliminary investigation is complete. The Lake County Detective Bureau and Lake County Crime Lab are conducting the initial investigation. The deputies involved in the shooting have been removed from shift duties in keeping with the Sheriff's Office's established policy protocols regarding deadly force incidents.

Sheriff Dan Dunlap will hold a press conference at 11:30 am today, February 5, 2016, at the Lake County Sheriff's Office, 104 East Erie Street, in Painesville, Ohio.

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